Thursday

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Dear Professor Helmers,

... I want to tell you how deeply we sympathise with your predicament — and admire your decision. The decision must have been very hard; family responsibilities are the heaviest burden, you would doubtless have felt an awful guilt as a leader of many people who look on you as a symbol of the dignity of a University without it. But men, whose strength lay in the width of a University, without it, lost men, whose strength lay in the width of outlook, knowledge, sympathy. If one is sure that it will not end in defeat, the students who follow in his footsteps will survive as a University. And that students who follow in his footsteps will not be buried alive...
say in which you think we could help, please don’t hesitate to call on us.

With our best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Hilde Kips